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SUBJECT: CODEL PELL: MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS

1. SENATOR PELL HAS GIVEN US ON A STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS A COPY OF THE MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION WHICH HIS LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT PREPARED ON THE SENATOR'S AUGUST 20 MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS. THE CONTENTS OF THE MEMORANDUM AND THE FACT THE SENATOR GAVE THE EMBASSY A COPY SHOULD BE CLOSELY HELD, AS REQUESTED BY THE SENATOR. TEXT OF THE MEMORANDUM FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: SENATOR PELL MET WITH THE PRIME MINISTER IN THE PM'S OFFICE FROM 9:45 A.M. UNTIL 10:17A.M. PRESENT, IN ADDITION TO THE PRIMIN AND THE SENATOR, WERE AN AIDE TO THE PRIMIN (AMBASSADOR MOLYVIATIS, DIRECTOR OF THE PM'S OFFICE), WHO SERVED AS INTERPRETER FOR BOTH, AND WILLIAM YOUNG, LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT TO SENATOR PELL. THE PRIMIN FOR THE MOST PART SPOKE IN GREEK, AND OCCASIONALLY IN ENGLISH.

3. SENATOR PELL EXPRESSED HIS THANKS FOR THE COURTESY OF THE MEETING, HIS PERSONAL AFFECTION FOR GREECE AND HIS ADMIRATION FOR THE PRIME MINISTER. THE PRIMIN IN TURN EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE SENATOR'S LEADERSHIP IN THE US IN OPPOSING THE JUNTA.

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4. SENATOR PELL EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN OVER THE CYPRUS SITUATION AND SAID IT WAS HIS BELIEF, AFTER A BRIEF VISIT TO CYPRUS, THAT BOTH SIDES, TURKEY AND GREECE, WOULD HAVE TO MAKE CONCESSIONS IF A STABLE SETTLEMENT WAS TO BE ACHIEVED. THE PRIMIN IN RESPONSE RECITED AT LENGTH THE HISTORY OF THE CYPRUS SITUATION, SAYING THAT TURKEY HAD USED THE JUNTA'S COUP IN CYPRUS AS AN EXCUSE FOR A PREVIOUSLY PLANNED MILITARY MANEUVER IN CYPRUS, CODE-NAMED "ATTILA." HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE INITIAL TURKISH MILITARY ACTION WAS JUSTIFIED LEGALLY BY THE CYPRUS COUP, THE SECOND MAJOR ADVANCE OF TURKISH FORCES WAS NOT LEGALLY JUSTIFIED BECAUSE BY THEN LEGITIMATE RULE HAD BEEN RESTORED IN CYPRUS.

5. THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT ALTHOUGH CYPRUS HAD BEEN GREEK FOR 2,500 YEARS, HIS GOVERNMENT HAD MADE MANY MAJOR CONCESSIONS ALREADY INCLUDING:

A. AGREEMENT THAT CYPRUS IS NOT A PART OF GREECE, BUT INDEPENDENT.

B. AGREEMENT TO A BIZONAL FEDERATION.

C. AGREEMENT TO A WEAK CENTRAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE FEDERATION. THESE CONCESSIONS HE SAID WERE CONTINGENT UPON A REASONABLE RESOLUTION OF THE LAND JURISDICTION QUESTION, BASED PRIMARILY ON POPULATION PERCENTAGES, WITH SOME FLEXIBILITY; AND UPON RESETTLEMENT OF THE GREEK-CYPRIOT REFUGEES.

6. SENATOR PELL AGREED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN FORTH-COMING, BUT NOTED THAT FROM THE TURKISH-CYPRIOT POINT OF VIEW, RESETTLEMENT OF THE REFUGEES POSED A SECURITY PROBLEM SINCE THE TURKS FEAR THEY WOULD AGAIN BE A MINORITY EVEN IN THEIR OWN ZONE. THE PRIME MINISTER REPLIED THAT RESETTLEMENT OF ALL GREEK-CYPRIOT REFUGEES WAS NOT NECESSARY, AND THAT ONLY A PORTION OF THE REFUGEES NEED BE RESETTLED AND CERAINLY NOT SO MANY AS TO PLACE THE TURKS IN A MINORITY POSITION IN THEIR ZONE.

7. SENATOR PELL NOTED THAT THE TURKISH-CYPRIOTS DESIRED AS PART OF THE SETTLEMENT NATIONAL GUARANTEES OF INDEPENDENCE MY GREECE AND TURKEY AND ASKED THE PRIME MINISTER'S VIEWS. THE PRIMIN SAID HE BELIEVED SUCH GUARANTEES WOULD BE POSSIBLE SO LONG AS THE GUARANTEES DID NOT EXTEND TO A CONFIDENTIAL

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(UNILATERAL) RIGHT OF INTERVENTION BY EITHER TURKEY OR GREECE.

8. THE PRIMIN EMPHASIZED THAT HE BELIEVED THE CONCESSIONS MADE SHOULD SATISFY THE NEEDS OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS FOR SECURITY. HE EMPHASIZED ALSO HIS BELIEF THAT THE US SHOULD VIEW THE SECOND EXPANSION OF THE TURKISH ZONE AS AN ILLEGAL ACTIVITY THAT SHOULD NOT BE CONDONED.

9. SENATOR PELL EXPRESSED HIS WARM REGARD FOR GENERAL VIDALIS AND SPOKE OF HIS VALUABLE INFORMATIONAL WORK IN THE US DURING THE PERIOD OF THE JUNTA. HE ASKED IF THE PRIMIN INTENDED TO UTILIZE HIS SERVICES IN THE GOVERNMENT. THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE HAD SUMMONED VIDALIS WHEN HE ASSUMED OFFICE BUT THAT VIDALIS APPEARED RELUCTANT AT THAT TIME. IN ADDITION, HE SAID VIDALIS POSED SOMEWHAT OF A POLITICAL PROBLEM BECAUSE HE IS VIEWED AS TOO MUCH OF A ROYALIST.

10. SENATOR PELL THEN ASKED WHAT THE PRIMIN'S VIEWS WERE ON THE PROSPECTS AND DESIRABILITY FOR EVENTUAL RESTORATION OF A CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY AS AN INSTITUTION CAPABLE OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL STABILITY IN GREECE. THE PRIMIN NOTED THAT THE "HANDS-OFF" REFERENDUM ON THAT QUESTION HAD BEEN REJECTED BY 70 PERCENT OF THE GREEK PEOPLE. RESTORATION OF THE MONARCHY WAS PARTICULARLY UNLIKELY HE SAID BECAUSE 99 PERCENT OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION WERE OPPOSED.

11. SENATOR PELL CONVEYED TO THE PRIME MINISTER THE PERSONAL REGARDS OF SENATOR JAVITS, WHO HAD TRAVELLED WITH SENATOR PELL TO PEKING, AND NOTED THAT SENATOR JAVITS HELD SIMILAR VIEWS TO SENATOR PELL REGARDING THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL CONCESSIONS BY BOTH SIDES IN THE CYPRUS SITUATION. END TEXT KUBISCH

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